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TWO TRAINS HELD UP

A Bold Robbery Near Los Angeles, Cal.

ENGINEER COMPELLED TO HELP.

Bandits Force Him to Blow Open the Express Car... The Gang That Held Up the Train Near Coffeyville, Kansas, Got Big

San Francisco, Dec. 26,-Interviews with trainmen and passengers who were on hoard the train which was held up near Los Angeles state that near Rosece: a little station this side of Burbank, the engineer was shet at from the tender and told to stop the train. He estopped it. A lively fusillade followed to intimidate any one who might desire to interfere with the plans of the robbers. The engineer ann fireman were made prisoners and the engineer compelled to light the fuse of a bomb placed against the door of the express car three times. The first two attempts failed. At the third he was told to stay by the fuse till it fizzled and to run afterwards. He obeyed. The express car door burst open and Express Messenger Potts was thrown from the cot where he was asleer. The express messenger held up his hands and got out of the car. Just what happened after that is a mystery, for Express Messenger Potts has been cautioned not to speak about it by the officers of the

express company.

After the robbers left the express car they made the engineer, fireman and express messenger walk up the track a quarter of a mile, fired off a fusillade, and then let them walk back to the train. Prior to bursting in the door of the express car with a bomb, the robbers had terrorized every head which showed from a car window by taking a shot too conveniently near, and the San Francisco constable, who attempted to reason with them and assert his rights as an officer, was driven back into the coach with some protty strong language and a pistoi shot. A shot was taken at the baggageman and others were told to stay in and keep quiet. It is re-ported that the robbers did not get over \$10 in booty, but the mystery of the affair, outside of the identity of the robbers is what they did to the safe which the officials of the Wells Fargo company will not, for the present at least, explain.

A dispatch from Vinit a, I. T., says: The five or six train robbers who held up the southbound expres I and passen-ger train on the Kansus and Arkansas Valley road at Seminole Station, nine miles south of Coffeyville, Kan., were all young men. They were dressed like cowboys, wearing top boots' and broadream or to be the same that attempted to hold up a passenger train on the Missouri Kansas and Texas road at K elso switch Bob Rogers and Chaffley \ Voolen are thought to be the leaders of the bandits. It is not known how 1 nuch booty was secured, but it is known that it was considerable. The mail and express cars were rifled of their contents and every passenger on the trai. a was reheved of everything of values he or she

Constables Have a Narrow I iscape

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 25,- Constable William Davis and Constable Murphy entered a Hungarian boarding house at Olyphant to arrest a men for assault and battery. Hardly were they inside when the lights went out and a shot was fired at Murphy from a revolver, so close that his clothing took fire. The ball struck his sixth rib and glan ced off, inflicting a painful flesh wound. Davis was beaten over the head and terribly up with a blunt instrument, condition is precarious. The constables fought their way out, and a half dozen Hungarians are under bail for

An Uniucky Hunt.

PIQUA, O., Dec. 26 .- John Reed, who lives at Circle Hill, this county, while out hunting lost his right hand and left eye by the accidental discharge of a The accident occurred while he was resting, having placed the stock of the gun on a log while he held the muzzle with bis right hand. The gun slipped off the log, striking the hammers and discharging both barrels His hand was almost blown off, the amputation being finished by a physician, and his face was filled with shot, entirely destroying the sight of one eye

A Mob Attacks a Broken Bank.

PRAGUE, Dec. 26 .- A mob gathered the streets of Chumovitz and marched to the savings bank, which had suspended payments, owing to the embezzlement of its money by the cashier, Spinka. All the members of the board of directors fied from the city and one killed himself with a revolver in a nearby town. Spinka was a municipal councillor. Beyond terri fying the directors the mob accomished nothing, although it besieged the bank for several hours.

A Nitroglycerin Explosion.

McDonald, Pa., Dec. 26.—The magagine of the Aeme Torpedo company, at Willow Grove, was blown to atoms by an explosion of a large quantity of nitro riveerin. Buildings for miles around were shaken and considerable damage was done. Every window glass in th town was shivered. No person was seriously injured. The explosion was caused by the glycerin becoming over-heated by a fire built to thaw it out.

A Tragic Suicide.

PETERSBURG, Dec. 26. - Mile: Michailova, a favorite danzeuse of the Imperial theater, invited a party of friends to supper. While they were all seated at the table the hostess arose rriedly, in a few brief, sharp words bid farewell to her guests, and before any one could prevent her, she swal lewed a dose of poison, which she had poured unobserved into a wine glass, and fell dead before her horrified

Sure of a Blizzard-

CHDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 26.—There has been a drop in temperature from 58 above to below freezing point. It is growing colder fast. There is a high northwest with occasional snow flurries orthwest with occasional snow flurries ad good prospect of a general blizz ard.

MRS. BYERS' SENSATION.

Charges an Ohio Iron Man With Khinaping Her Husband.

Perrapune, Dec. 26 .- The latest turn in the affairs of E. M. Byers has caused quite a sensation here. It will be remembered that his wife found him in St. Paul a few months ago, after quite a search, under the charge of a woman aures named Dilts, having been so placed by Dr. W. Lewis Tallman of Chicago. Byers was temporarily in-same. They returned to Chicago. Mrs. Byers' attorney in Chicago now claims that while the lady was ill, Dr. Tallman with the nurse took his nationt to

Montreal, where he registered the party as "Br. E. M. Brown, J. L. Smith and Mrs. Alva Dobson, Chicago." Since then Byers has been taken to various parts of the country. He has drawn personally but little money from his firm, yet it is estimated that since his abduction last May there has been spont from that source for his account a sum approximating \$15,000.

Now comes word from Chicago that Henry B. Shields of Coleman, Shields & Co., iron manufacturers of Niles, O., has been arrested charged with kidnaping Byers. The warrant was sworn out by Mrs. Byers. The prisoner was taken before Justice Murphy, and admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000. Shields is charged with taking Byers away from Pittsburg, previous to his having been found in St. Paul by his wife

Cold Blooded Murder in Churck.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26 .- Great con sternation was caused at Zion Baptist church, colored, on Walnut Hills, a suburban point, by a cold blooded murder. John Tyler, aged 30, single, boarded with Armistead Morton, aged 27. The latter had accused the former with being intlinate with his wife and they had previously quarreled ever the matter. Tyler was in the rear of the church when Morton entered. en seeing his man said: "Now I have got you," and fired. Morton was shot n the head and the side, and dropped doad. In the excited scattering of the congregation Tyler made good his escape. The services were in progress at the time of the shooting, but were not cancluded. All parties are colored

Receivers Appoint an Agent. TOPERA, Dec. 26 - Receiver Wilon of the Santa Fe has arrived in Topeka direct from St. Louic. He said the secoivers should appoint D. B. Robinson, first vice president, the agent of the receivers, to have full charge of the active operation of the entire sys-tem. Mr. Wilson said the receivers had in general agreed that no sweeping changes would be made in the manage ment of the good but the matter wante be definitely determined at a meeting of the receivers to be held in New York next week.

Bicycle Records Broken. NEW YORK, Dec. 26,-Records overe smashed at the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. The 100-mile to sea at once and force them into a utes and held by Arthur Robb of En gland, was broken by Van Emburg He made the distance in 5 hours and 3 minutes, and Hosmer has broken th 12-hour record, which was 176 mile and 7 Japs, made by Prince in 1891 Hosmer in the time made 206 miles and 4 laps.

Well Pleaced With Dr. Butter.

GALLIFOLIS, O., Dec. 26,-At the regular session of the trustees of the Epileptic hospital the annual report was approved, and inquiry developed the fact that 65 patients are receiving treatment. A much larger number is expected after Jaz. 1. The appoint ment of Dr. Clark as assistant cian was confirmed, and Manager Rutter instructed to employ a medical director. The trustees are well pleased with Dr. Rutter's management.

To Commemorate Shiloh.

NASSIVILLE, Dec. 26.—Colonel E. T. Lee, sucretary of the Shiloh Battlefield association, heading a committee representing the association, arrived here from Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., where they have been securing options on the land on which the battle of Shiloh was fought for the purpose of converting it into a national park. The committee has secured options on over 2,000 acres at reasonable figures and will arge congress to purchase the land.

Sullivan and His Toughs.

SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 26.-John L. Sullivan, Bobby Mack, John Howard, Dan Dwyer and John Kearney, members of John L. Sullivan's troupe, got into a des perate fight here and were all arrested ind locked up. During the row Mrs. John L. Sullivan took a hand in the fass and knocked down and kicked H. G. Clark into insensibility because he failed to take her husband's part.

Must Pay Tkem More. Boston, Dec. 26 .- The proposition of the relief committee of the unemployed to employ men at \$1 per day was coned at the meeting of the Building Trades' council, representing 25,000 It was the sense of the meeting men. that the men employed by the commit-tee on city works should not receive less than \$2 per day.

A Railroad Sued For \$5,000.

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 26 .- John Hershey, Salt Creek township farmer, has succ the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railway for \$5.000 damages for injuries received March 4 last at Apple Creek. While crossing the tracks Hershey was run into by a passenger train, breaking his leg and several ribs, killing one o his horses and wrecking the buggy.

Chinamen Seek an Eutranes Into Texas MoncLova, Mex., Dec. 26 .- Squads of Chinamen numbering several hundred in all have passed through here during the past few days on their way toward the Rio Grande, where they expect to find an easy entrance into the United States. They are miners and agricul-

tural laborers. Entertained the Yale Boys. CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—The Yale Glee clab was given a reception by Miss Lloyd, the daughter of Major H. P. Lloyd, the daughter of Major H. P. Lloyd, on Mount Auburn. At the Odon the club gave a concert before an audi-

ence that crowded the house. programme, an exquisite one, elicited much applause. Pennoyer to Cleveland. SALRM, Or., Dec. 26 .- Governor Penoyer has written a letter to President Cleveland calling attention to the con-dition of Oregon's poor and protesting against what he calls "victous tariff legislation." STEAMING TO BATTLE.

The Nictheroy Sails After the Insurgent Warships.

MELLO AFTER CONVICT SAILORS.

ite Leaves For a Penal Island Settlement to Press Able-Bodied Prisoners Into Service-A Battle Expected to Take Place

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PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 26.—The situation of affairs has very materially changed in this city within the last few hours. Pernarabuco had believed that her harbor was to be the scene of the first big naval battle between the Republica, Admiral Mello's best warship, and the Aquidaban, her companion rebel ship, on the one side and the Nietheroy, President Peixoto's dynamite gun cruiser, on the other. This belief was amply justified by the report received a few days ago on apparently good anthority, that the Republics and the Aquidaban had been seen off the Brazilian coast headed northward and apparently bound for Pernambuco, as if to take the Nictherov by surprise and compel her to fight without a chance of putting to sea.

But news received here has changed the whole aspect of affairs. The rebel warships, it has been learned, were not on their way to Pernambuco but, on the contrary, have sailed towards the mountainous and rugged island of Fornando de Noronha, where there is a large convict settlement. The dsland, despite its ruggedness, possesses con-siderable fertility and its several har-bors defended by forts would enable Mello to make a vigorous resistance if attacked.

The revolutionary admiral's object in going to Fernando de Noronha, which is over 100 miles from the main coast of Brazil, is to compel as many able-bodied convicts as he can find in the softlement o go aboard his vessels and join their crews. It is said that he expects to secure not less than 1,000 men in this way. Upon the receipt of this news aboard the Nictheroy there was great activity noticeable. Members of the crew were sent ashore in small boats to search through the town for such of the Nietheroy's men as had been allowed to

land and hurry them back to the ship. The commanding officer of the Nietheroy had apparently received full in-structions asks how he should act in such in emergency and these instructions. it is believed, were to the effect that if he became convinced that the report of the coming to Pernambueo of the Re publics and the Aquidaban proved to be untrue and that these vessels, instead of seeking, were evading fight, naval contest for superiority. view of the case proved to be correct. for when all the men belonging to the Nicthercy's crew had been gotten aboard the government battleship, she weighed anchor, steamed out to sea and

ointed her mose for the northeast. Your correspondent is informed that the Nictheroy's destination is the island of Fernando de Noronha. If this information is correct the long expected sea battle between the revolutionist and the government war vessele will in all probability be fought within a short time.

Shooting at a Danca.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ills., Duc. 26 .- At a lance at Rock Creek, near here, Dave Evans and John Howell appeared for the purpose, they said, of raising a dis-turbance and "doing up" George Bar-nard. They found Barnard and drew their revolvers, but Barnard was too quick for Evans, the spokesman, and ent a ball crashing through his mouth. Barnard's revolver only contained two cartridges and after firing the second shot he was at the mercy of his assailants, who emptied their revolvers at him. Howell following him up and shooting him until he fell dead. Ledbettes, a bystander, was shot in the thigh. Four bullets took effect in Barnard's body.

John A. Renshaw Dead.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26 .- John A. Renshaw, senior member of a wholesale and retail grocery firm of this city, died suddenly of apoplexy. Mr. Renshaw was prominent in business and religious circles. He was a trustee of the Western Theological seminary, chairman of the committee on presbyterial sessions, and has always been active in the work of church extension.

Civen Away by Stevenson.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The marriage f Miss Frances Ewing, daughter of Judge Ewing, United States minister to Brussels, and niece of Vice President Stevenson, to Mr. B. Bayliss Beecher, a prominent banker of Memphis, took place in this city. Vice President Stevenson gare away the bride.

A Paper Makes Charges. EASTON, Pa., Dec. 26.-Charges of grave misconduct are made by a local paper against Sheriff Wolff. He is ac-

cused of treating to liquor six prisoners sentenced to long terms in the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia while transferring them to that place. The publication has caused a sensation. Nearly Murdered a Negro. WEST LIBERTY, O., Dec. 26 .- Grant Jackson, the colored man of this place who was tarred and feathered about

will probably die. Piatt gave himself up to the officers, and was planning der \$1,000 bonds for a preliminary the officers, and was placed un-

one year ago, was struck by A. S. Piatt, Jr., and his skull fractured, and he

Lehigh Collieries to Resume, POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26 .- Owing to nability to get empty cars orders have around that none of the Lehigh collieries in this region will work this week until Thursday. The Reading collieries started today.

A Cauadian River Flooded. BRANTFORD. Ont., Dec. 26.—The Grand river has overflowed its banks and the residents here are paying visits in gondelas. The damage will reach up into the thousands.

Ex-Governor Biggs Dead. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Ex-Governor Biggs of Delaware, of Middletown, Del., is dead. A \$500,000 BLAZE.

an Francisco Is Visited by a Disastrons

San Francisco, Dec. 29, -Fire broke out in the block bounded by Clay, Commercial, Sansom and Leidersdorff streets, and in a few minutes one of the biggest fires in the year was raging. The block is composed of some of the sidest brick buildings in the city and was occupied by The Call and Bulletin newspaper offices; Francis Valentine & Co., printers; the Bosqui Printing and Engraving company; Blake, Moditt & Townes' paper warehouse; F. J. Shattuck & Co., mk manufacturers; the Cemmercial Steam Power company,

and numerous smaller concerns. Every engine in the city was called out and it was over two hours before the fire was out. Fire Marshal Towne estimates the loss at \$500,000. A large portion of the block was totally destroved. The Belletin's editorial and composing rooms are a complete wreck The Call'apresses were injured by water, but the fire will not interfere with the publication of the papers.

They Trusted a Stranger. Mgata, Pa. Duc. 26.—Farmer P. C. Bullock of Chadd's Ford took a liking to a young man who came to him about n month ago, a stranger, and he took him in. The young man gave his name as Eugeno Cone and he made himself so naetul nod so agreeable that he soon became a great favorite, all doubts of the fellow's honesty passed out of the minds of Mr. Bulloch's family, and they went away and left him in charge of the house. When they returned Cone was missing, as was also the best team in the stable.

Patal Fight at a Dance.

TRIMBLE, O., Dec. 26.-Near Gloucester, Athens county, O., at a low dance of whites and pegroes. Frank James, colored, broke into the dance house and with a revolver began firing at the Several of the company returned the fire from pistols. The re-sult was: Jake Harris, a bystander, shot dead: Andrew Lovel, shot mortally through the 'lungs: Frank James, the starter of the riot, shot mortally in the chest. Eight participants have been arrested and lynching on a large scale is a possibility.

A Weman Rebbed.

Hazluton, Pa., Dec. 28.—When clos-ing business for the day Mrs. Spaid car-ried to her room a valise containing \$175. During the night she awake to see a man carrying away the valise. Before going up stairs the robber ransacked the lower floor, and besides securing \$25 in cash there, got away with a lot of jewelry and other valua-bies. There is no clue to the robber, Army Officers to Use Whistles.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The major general commanding the United States army has approved that part of the new tactics providing for officers giving commands, under certain circum-

stances, by whistles instead of by word Express Slessenger Robbed. MARSHALL, Tex., 20.—Pacific Express Messenger McCulloch was knocked down on the railroad platform by a negro and robbed of a pouch which

crowd of people was on the platform. Wants Tracks to the Capital. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26,-The Norfolk and Western road is said to be negotiating with the Richmond and Danville for the purchase of the Washington and Ohio road, in order to utilize its

contained from \$5,000 to \$8,000 while a

track franchise in getting into this city. Uhl Moves to Washington.

Washington, Dec. 26. — Assistant Secretary of State Uhl has removed his family to this city from Grand Rapids and has taken quarters for the winter in Admiral English's house, 1518 K

Policemen Charged With Murder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 .- Officers Healy and Moran of the Deering street station have been locked up charged with the murder of Semuel Nelson, the pro-prietor of a small cigar store. Nelson met the two officers in front of a saloon and invited them in to drink. The officers soon left and Nelson had a row with the barkeeper, who ejected him. The officers who were outside tried to pacify Nelson, but he knocked Healy down. He was then put under arrest and when he attempted to escape they both opened are on him, one bullet in a wound from which Nelson

Looking Up Wiggins' Record.

LIMA, O., Dec. 20.-James Wiggins, who is under arrest at Wooster charged with complicity in the murder of W. A. Mackey, was formerly a resident of this city, and conducted a saloon here some years ago. A. D. Metz, the prosecuting attorney of Wooster, has been here, and was successful in getting some valuable evidence in the case against Wiggins. Wiggins and the man Brown, who is the principal in the crime, were here on November 21, and stopped at the Windsor hotel. was but a day or two before the murder was committed.

A Gift For Cardinal Gibbons.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26,-George Webb Paini of the passenger department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad com-pany presented Cardinal Gibbons with souvenir of his jubilee-a handsome volume of 320 pages, bound in rich white morocco and silver embossed. It contains the reports in American and European newspapers of the silver jubilee of his eminence, celebrated in this city in October last.

A Body Well Preserved.

Pomerov, O., Dec. 26.—John Burgess was buried in a Middleport cemetery 25 years ago. Owing to the cutting away of the burial ground by a stream, the remains have been disinterred and moved to another part of the cemetery. The body was found to be life-like, though not petrified, and the hair and beard fell about the shoulders in great clusters.

All Helping the Poor. BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 26.-Every of fort is being made in this community to relieve the wants of the unemployed and deserving poor. Donations of stantial necessaries of life are being liberally distributed by the benevolent and charitably disposed. The children of the public schools and Sunday are also engaged in this good

DONJON IS IN JAIL.

The Star Crank Walks Into the Law's Arms.

HE TERRORIZED THE STATESMEN.

teet His Distinguished Father.-Threatening Letters Sent to Vice President Stevenson and Others-His Career.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26,-Joseph Donjon, the man who has been writing threatening letters to a number of prominent public men during the last two weeks, is in jail. He walked into the detective bureau of James A. Mc-Devitt, asking for food. The doctor took him in a coffee house and had something prepared for him to eat. Meantime he questioned him and learned enough to fix his identity. He storted towards the station house with his man and on the way met Detective Ned Weedon and George Boyd, in whose hands he placed him. It will be remembered that a letter from this man to Senator Mills a few days acco caused the senator's sen, Charles H. Mills, to secure leave from the authorities to go armed for the protection of his father. This was the cause of bringing the man's acts more prominently before the public. For several months past he has been

writing similar letters to a number of prominent public men, among whom tere Vice President Stevenson, Senator Gorman, Senator Mills, Senator Sher-man and, as the man himself claims. President Cleveland and Secretary War Lamont. As long ago as during the fight over the silver question in the senate Vice President Stevenson received letters almost daily from Don jon, who was then in Newark, N. J. No attention was paid to them and they were consigned to the waste basket a fast as they arrived. The vice prad-dent received one which was dated from 304 Leigh street, this city.

Donjon is 28 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighs 180 to 190 pounds, is dark and sallow, has a greasy complexion, small dark moustache and has a rather slouchy look about him, He has the drooping eyelids which usually accompany a brooding and melancholy disposition,

Donion by an Austrian by birth and lays stress upon the assertion that he is a Catholic and professes a degree of plety. His story is that he came to this country when he was 15 years old, and had been a telegraph operator in the old country. He gave up telegraphing when he came to this country be cause there was some slight difference in the instruments and in the alphabet. He became a beach moulder after he came here, and claims to have worked for a time at Salem, O the wire mills at Johnstown, at the time of the great flood there, but was in Pittsburg on that particular occasion Later, with his father, mother and brother, he went to Newark, N. J., and last May having been out of work, went weat to Washington and Idaho and prospected for gold there. He went lack to Newark and claims to have been endeavoring to secure work there ever since. He says he lived with his father and mother and brother at 128 Burnett atreet. This agrees with the address of the earlier letters reseived from him here.

He claims that his father and brother went to Florida to take up lands, but that he did not think it was worth while to go, as he could not get any thing to do anywhere. He denied with considerable emphasis that he was an anarchist or socialist or attended any meetings of those bodies, but contends that he was prevented from securing employment because he was not a member of the Knights of Labor or any other labor union. As to the letters that he has been writing he claims that he was incited to write them by other people, receiving \$100 for doing it. Asked as to the character of he persons who did this, he disclaimed that they were anarchists or that they formed any association. They were merely private persons. He also denies that there were any threats in the letters he had written or any references

whatever to dynamite. He claimed that all that was contained in any of the letters was a proposition to each of the men address forward him the cost of transportation to Washington and an offer to come on there and make a business proposition to them. This was after he found that there was no work to be had and he intimates that he had a plan to better affairs. As to what this clines to say anything, but will ably make a statement of it later at his trial. The man came to Washington a few days ago from Baltimore.

Bloodhounds Tracking Murderers.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—An Indianapolis disputch says: No definite trace of the burglars who murdered Merchant Po liceman John L. Waterson has warded the work of the officers. The finding of the body did not take place until nearly two hours after the fight. Bloodhounds have been secured from Seymour to track the murderers.

An Earthquake in Pennsylvania BEDFORD, Pa., Dec. 26 .- Reports from

various parts of this county indicate that the earthquake lasted 18 or 20 seconds. In many places houses were shaken to such an extent as to seriously alarm the inmates The shock appear to have traveled in a southeasterly rection and was the most perceptible to those persons who live near the mountaing

Bollinger Found Not Guilty. ASHLAND, O., Dec. 26,-After being out 30 hours the jury in the Bollinger case brought in a verdict of not guilty

Bollinger was charged with killing Daniel Sentel, an old soldier of London Electric Cars Collide. LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 26 .- Two car of the Lancaster and Columbia Electric

raffway collided near Columbia on a

curve, and Frank Graham of Lancaster a passenger, was slightly injured.

Race Track Buildings Burned. PITTEBURG, Dec. 26 .- The buildings on the grounds of the Homewood Drivng park were destroyed by fire. Loss \$15,000. Supposed to be incendiary.

HE FOUGHT WILDCATS. Munter Has a Hard Struggle-His Dog Killed.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 27 .- Xa vier Lordier of French, O., had a thrilling experience. He was "coon" hunting in the Brush Creek forests when his dogs raised an animal. Mr. Lordier, supposing it was a raccoon pushed on to help kill the r mal. When he reached the scene two logs were dead and the third was receiving its finishing touches from a large cat-like animal. As soon as the hunter ap-peared on the scene the catamount letthe dog and sprang upon Lordier. It fastened its fangs in his shoulder and both fell to the ground. Luckily the hunter's knife was near at hand and he

drove it through the animals heart. Hardly had the combat ceased when the male appeared on the scene, and with a savage scream sprang upon th Lordier was alone, and it be came a fight to the death. The cata mount was literally cut to pieces before the struggle ended. Lordier had three fingers bitten off his left hand, and his shoulder and arms were badly torn, requiring the attendance of a physician.

An Old soldier Suicides.

WAPAEONETA, O., Dec. 27.-The dead body of a man about 60 years of age was found in the Auglaize river, about six miles east of here, by David Cum sine. Coroner Hunter was notified held an inquest, and had the body brought here. From pension papers found on his person he was identified a Theodore Eberly, private of Company B. First regiment Wisconsin volunteer artifiery. He was formerly an in-mate of the Soldiers' home, Dayton That the case is one of suicide admit of no doubt, as he removed his hat coat and shoes on the bank, and walked into the river, his tracks being visible

SI Mogris in Trouble Again.

Column's, O., Dec. 27,-The no torious Si Morris is in trouble again. During the past two years he has spont about half the time in the city prison or county jail. He has recently been con lucting a salson on Fourth, near Rich street. In a quarrel he made a vicious attempt to decapitate James West, a livery stable keeper of 218 Walnut-street. Morris claims that he had been absent and returned to his one to find West kissing Mrs. Morris and sending her little son to rush the growler. He attempted to eject West. and in the resulting struggle West re-ceived two bad gashes in the threat.

Attended Allen's Funeral. Conumus, O., Dec. 27. — Speaker Laylin appointed the following mem-bers of the house of the Seventieth bers of the house of the Seventieth general assembly a committee who attended the funeral of their late col-league, Hon. J. B. Allen, which took place at Xenia: McGrew of Clarke, sruck of Franklin, Reiter and Alla man of Montgomery, Fisher of Preble Paxion of Clermont, Daugherty of Fayette and Fisher of Brown, Chief Chief orig Mallow served as one of the horn prary pallbearers, and Sergeant-at-Arms Jackson had charge of the funeral.

Chewed to Death For a Kick CINCINNATI, Dec. 27 .- A large Newoundhand dog, weighing over pounds in resenting a kick from 14-rear-old James Collins in Covington t his ear off and he will die. A crows of over 1,000 people was attracted by the boy's screams, but not one of them had he courage to interfere. A policeman finally succeeded in lassoing and afterward shooting the dog, but before this was accomplished the boy's body had been terribly torn and lacerated. He

will die.

Assaulted by Two Young Men COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27 .- Mrs. John Shoemaker, residing at 450 South Third street, went out to remonstrate with a couple of young men who were confucting themselves in a disorderly man-They assaulted her, and she ran into the house. The brutes followed, kicking in the door she had locked in their faces, and knocking the woman down, breaking her nose and injuring her seriously. The men have not been apprehended.

Too Despondent to Live.

Springfield, O., Dec. 27,-Discouraged by inability to secure steady employment, and continuous sorrow over he death of his wife, nerved Joseph Weishaust, a German laborer, aged 40 years, to take his own life. After chatting with his five children, Weishaust suddenly jumped up, and going into the kitchen pulled a 52-caliber revolver from his pocket and sent a ball through his heart, dying almost instantly.

To Hold the Manufacturers.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 27 .- The city council at a special meeting voted to issue \$15,000 additional improvement bonds or the rehabilitation of another of our idle glass factories. It is proposed to change it from a natural gas to a coal burning plant. Two weeks ago the council took the same action with reference to another plant, and the bonds are now being advertised.

Carried Out His Threat.

XENIA, O., Dec. 37.—William Sham-lin, a colored man, on a drunk made his threats that he would kill some one before night, and attacked David Shelly, an inoffensive railroad man, cutting him seriously. When arrested he attempted to run amuck in the patrol wagon, but was promptly squelched by the officers.

Mortified Over Failure.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27 .- Mr. Overtor Price, late cashier of the wrecked Citizens' National bank of Hillsboro, O., is dead from nervous prostration resulting from mortification over the bank's failure.

His Leg Cut Off.

DENNISON, O., Dec. 27 .- Frank Max well, employed as a switchman in the Panhandle yards, while attempting to step on the front of a yard engine was knocked down and one leg cut off near the hip. His recovery is doubtful

Town Wiped Out by Fire,

HILLSBORO, O., Dec. 27,-Taylorsville, O., a village of about 200 popula-tion, has been wiped out by fire, only a church and one or two houses being church and one or two houses left standing. No lives were lost.

Killed by an Engine.

DENNISON, O., Dec. 27 .- Ed Fletcher a young man, while walking on the Panhandle tracks between here and Uhrichsville, was struck by the yard ngine and instantly killed.

MAY FIGHT THIS WEEK

Minister Mendonca Daily Expects a Naval Battle.

HE IS NOT CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Mello's Armed Cruisers Will Give Peixoto's Little Vessels a Hard Fight-H Victorious the Loyal Vessels Will Tackle

Admiral De Gama's Fleet. WASHINGTON, Doc. 27. - Minister Mendonca of Brazil believes that a crisis in the Brazilian revolution is at hand, and that the decisive stroke will be made this week. He says that the two great ironclads of the Rebel Commander Mello and the flotilla of little torpedo craft hastily improvised by President Peixoto are rapidly nearing each other. The minister says that a collision is almost certain to occur before next Monday. He recognizes that the little torpedo and dynamite bonts are tremendonsly overmatched by the



MINISTER MENDONCA. bility of the small boats to mancouvre quickly and to discharge their novel explosives. Senor Mendonca is hopeful and confident that the Melio fleet will be defeated, and that the Peixote ships will then be able to turn attention to the other rebel admiral, Gama, who is in

Rio harbor. A Fernambuco dispatch says: The inhabitants of Pernambuco were astonished to see the Nictheroy return, reporting that she had been unable to find the two rebel ships. The latter were said to have been sighted, bound for the convict settlement on the island of Fernando De Nornha, to the north of this port, and the object of Admiral De Mello in making for the island re-ferred to was said to be the liberation of the convicts, who were to be enlisted in the Brazilian insurgent marine force, It is now said that the Nictheroy will here await the coming of the rebel ships and will fight them in or about

this port. From Rio de Janeiro there is little or no fresh news to publish. The adherents of both sides claim that their opponents are driven to the last extremity and that they must soon give in. thing is certain, and that is that the people are getting beartily tired of the monetonous course of events. Some decided action upon the part of either President Peixoto or Admiral De Mello would be a positive relief to all people interested in the Brazilian struggle.

Dying From Starvation.

Pittsbung, Dec. 27. - A woman named Burke was found in a hovel on East street, Allegheny, dying from starvation, abuse and neglect. starvation, abuse and neglect. Her husband was lying beside her in the bed, intoxicated. From bruises on her face and body, it is supposed that he had beaten her. He was arrested and is now in the Central station. It is said that the woman has been sick for some time, and has not had food for several days. She was removed to the Allegheny General hospital.

She Heard Nothing Suspicious.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- Crowds surged through the corridors and attempted to gain entrance to the courtroom where Mrs. Andrew Foy was to be crossexamined in the Coughlin trial. Judge Wing subjected the witness to a severe questioning. She was interrogated as to Coughlin's visit to her husband on the night of May 9 and admitted that she heard nothing suspicious in the conversation.

Twenty-Two Horses Barned.

KITTANNING, Pa., Dec. 27 .- The barn on the Keystone stock farm in Manor township, owned by Bower Bros., was destroyed by fire, 21 horses perishing and two men had a narrow escape. The fire is attributed to incendiarism. The oss is put at \$20,000; insurance, about \$5,000.

Run Over by a Cable Car. BALTIMORE, Dec. 27 .- Edward C.

Goddin, Jr., son of a well-known real estate agent of Richmond, Va., was run over by a cable car on Gay street at the curve, and both his legs so badly crushed that he is not expected to live. A Preacher Falls Dand.

Huntington, Pa., Dec. 27.-Rev. N. H. Williams, general missionary of the

A. M. E. Zion church, located in this city, fell dead while entering his residence. He was about 76 years of ago. Worrell Asked to Resign. Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Carlisle has called for the resignation of Benjamin F. Worrell of New Jersey,

chief of division, register's office, treasurv department.

Cars Derailed and Smashed. AUDENRIED, Pa., Dec. 27.—By the parting of a heavy Pennsylvania coal train near South Audenried on a steep grade, the cars were derailed and fiv

Shot For Resisting Arrest. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Police Sergeant Haney of Georgetown shot John

Caton, a white man, 85 years old, for resisting arrest. Caton will probably Died From a Fall.

Normistown, Pa., Dec. 27.—Edwin L. Schack, aged 61 years of Consho-hocken, fell down stairs and fractured his skull. He died from his injuries.